

## God's Plan for People, Pt. 3

### Genesis 2.8-9, 15-17; 3.1-7

Why did God create man?

Job 7:17 What is man, that you make so much of him, and that you set your heart on him,

Job 15:14 What is man, that he can be pure? Or he who is born of a woman, that he can be righteous?

Psalm 144:3 O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him?

Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens...3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Westminster Catechism: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Acts 17:25 ...nor is he (God) served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Isaiah 43.7 "...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

1 Cor. 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you...28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Eze. 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

Gen. 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen. 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Death did not come from the fruit, but from **e**\_\_\_\_\_ of the fruit – a clear and intentional act of disobedience to God's commandment.

Rom. 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Man's will was intended to be contingent, or **d**\_\_\_\_\_, on the will of God and man's obedience to it.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you

eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Matt. 15:18 ...what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.

Mark 7:21 ...from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts...

James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Rom. 5:12 ...sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin...

God had given man the ability to choose between...

- obedience and disobedience
- **w**\_\_\_\_\_ and rejection
- holiness and desecration
- life and death
- **r**\_\_\_\_\_ and unrighteousness

Eph. 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. 3 They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Romans 3:10 It is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned

aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.

Job 25:4 How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure who is born of a woman?

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...

2 Tim. 1:9 (God) saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Eph. 3:8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the (nations) the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, (God) made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).